

Rec 8/30/72

Dear Roger:

I would like to have your condition census on a couple of half cents if at all possible. In your census do you take into account of those in ANA?

I would like to know about the following.

1794 Cmm #8 (How many with breaks)  
1804 Cmm #4  
1825 Cmm #1

Are there any die states of 1802 Cmm #6 that are fairly tough to get?

I was a pleasure visiting with you. If I get a chance I hope to drop in again.

Yours truly  
Thomas J. Katwan  
907 Phillips Road  
Warminster, Penna  
18974

Thomas S. Kalman  
907 Phillips Rd  
Warminster PA 18974

8/31/72

Dear Tom,

As per your request I am listing below  
the location of each AS I HAVE IT RECORDED.  
Please indicate if Haven't seen or lost of all  
specimens and if probably Grade Consensually.

1700 Conn # 8 - Rarely estimated at 6 (13-30 specimens)

- |              |                   |                       |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) HMC - 50 | Silver Collection |                       |
| (2) HMC - 50 | Bostonian ✓       |                       |
| (3) HMC - 30 | Bostonian ✓       | Broken<br>Reserve Die |
| (4) HMC      | Alford Collection |                       |
| (5) HMC 8    | RSC Collection    |                       |
| (6) HMC - 5  | Gross Collection  | Broken<br>Reserve Die |

As you can see I only know of 2 specimens  
with the Broken Reserve Die. Were you able to buy  
the Bostonian specimen.

1800 Conn # 4 - Rarely estimated at 6 (13-30 specimens)

- |              |                                                                 |  |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| (1) HMC - 40 | Bostonian Collection                                            |  |
| (2) HMC      | Easton - <sup>Dupont</sup> <del>Easton</del> - Phone Collection |  |
| (3) HMC - 30 | <sup>with<br/>edge die</sup> - Ungar Collection                 |  |
| (4) HMC - 12 | RSC Collection                                                  |  |
| (5) HMC - 10 | WKS Raymond Collection                                          |  |
| (6) HMC - 10 | Ungar Collection                                                |  |

1825 CMM #1

Partly estimated at 3 - This is lower than my bank. I have just seen to many of these to be a 4. I have 19 specimens in my own collection. I collect them by reverse die Rotation. as far as the Condition Class is concerned I have records of about 6 specimens in Condition higher than FINE-50. My specimen is a 60

Now as to the 1804 CMM #6. Even though Gilbert lists Die states remember that as a die breaks each specimen is different. I have 16 different stages of the die and no two are exactly the same. In my ~~own~~ observation here's what I have found.

Perfect Die - Never seen one. I have a specimen that appears almost to be perfect but I can still see minor cracks.

State 1 - Common

State 2 - Common

State 3 - Scarce

State 4 - Never seen one. I'm enclosing drawing

State 5 - Scarce

State 6 - Common

State 7 - Somewhat scarce

State 8 - Common

I guess this concludes my answer to your  
question. What have you picked up lately?  
I got a number of die states of various varieties and a  
few upgrades at the ANA. I'm currently negotiating  
for a very large collection of Half Cents. It has  
133 Coins and 84 Different Varieties. If I get it I  
will have all 96 Varieties listed in my book and  
would pick up 43 upgrades but then I would have  
a pile of duplicates to dispose of. I'll let you know  
if the deal goes through if you're interested in acquiring  
any.

Lucas  
Pogre

Dear Roger

Thank you for the information you sent me. It is quite useful.

I picked up a 94-<sup>Conn</sup> and another die state of 97<sup>Conn</sup> 1.

I would be interested in the possibility of purchasing some of your duplicates if you buy the collection.

I have not purchased the Brodson 94<sup>Conn</sup> 8 with the die break. I didn't want to put out that much for one coin at this time. He has no other customers for it so it won't be sold.

I have located a 1796 with pole. It is corroded something awful. It looks like it was buried for 100 years. Everything on the obverse is readable although the left side of date ~~17~~ is tough to see and rough. I can probably pick up for \$300. I don't think it is worth it however. You can make out almost everything but it is not pretty.

Yours truly

Thomas S. Katman  
THOMAS S. KATMAN  
907 PHILLIPS ROAD  
WARMINSTER, PENNA

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P.S. Some Alford Collection pieces are up for sale at the GENA Convention and/or.

215-675-5685

Dear Roger

Enclosed find the 1794 G3 and the 1805 G3 what

Let me know what you think they are. I have not purchased the 1794 as the dealer wants \$32.50 for it. If you had your pick would you rather have a G2 F15 or this particular G3A. I can't make up my mind which of the two I want.

I'll let you know when I get something new.

Yours truly  
Thomas J. Katman

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PS - you have my list - send your price list in the mail soon

My dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well. I am sorry to hear that you are not well, but I hope you will soon be better. I am sure you will be able to get on your feet again.

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Yours truly,  
J. J. J.

Rec 11/19/73

Dear Roger

Here is the information about  
Manly & Orr printers as listed in the  
City Directory

Year Information

1836 Victor Orr at 227 Arch Street

1838 & 1839 Victor Orr at 157 5<sup>th</sup> Street

1840 & 1841 } <sup>Manly</sup>  
~~Manly~~ and Orr at 45 Chestnut St.

1840 & 1841 } Victor Orr at 45 Chestnut St.

1840 & 1841 } Henry Manly at 45 Chestnut St.

1842 & 1843 Manly, Orr, & Lippincott at 45 Chestnut St.

1842 (only) Henry Manly at 45 Chestnut St.

1843 <sup>NOT PRINTED</sup> Henry Manly (Capt.) at 43 Chestnut St.

1842 & 1843 Victor Orr at 45 Chestnut St.

1844?? 1845 & 1846 Victor Orr at 45 Chestnut Street

Henry Manly (Capt.) at 43 Chestnut St.

Same as 1845 I think  
but note messed up

1855 Victor Orr at ? (100 Chestnut???)  
(my notes mixed up)

1857 Victor Orr

There is no mention of Manly as a printer  
after 1844. Also Manly & Orr seem to  
have been joined by someone else



in 1843. There is no mention  
of this partnership later. Could the mint have  
had these printed at <sup>later</sup> another time. I  
don't it. I personally think that the  
cards are probably of the early 1840's.

I enclose ~~a couple~~ three coins for  
your inspection (and my questions!!)

1. 1805 (G1) Seems double cut or double  
struck on front of face
2. 1804 (G6) Is this an injury of the  
(Is this a VF 30) die that caused the die to  
be reworked? It appears to  
be in the correct spot for the  
spike
3. #1794 (G4) Is there a die break around  
(Is this a VG 10) the 2 of 200 that is not listed.  
This appears to be late in die life.
4. What is the condition census for 1805-63?  
I note that a VF-XF is advertised in 1-17-73  
Coin World for \$650<sup>00</sup>

THOMAS S. KATMAN  
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Dear Mr. Katman

March 19, 1973

Read with interest your recent EAC article on Gilbert-8 1804. My own piece, which I had always assumed was the final die state, is most certainly a Die State-9. I am an extremely conservative grader (Peris Hoving has been my mentor) and I carry the coin as a VF30 but it has many claims to EF40. I always find it difficult grading a coin with large die breaks because of the flat places that occur opposite the breaks. What follows is as complete a description as I can muster. Reverse: All die breaks you describe are strong including break from "O" to rim - die break from tip of right-hand stem is strong and visible without glass - veins in leaves are present on most but not all, inside pair of leaves at "H" in HALF are almost ghost-like - denticles are strong, especially under second "O" in 200

Obverse: hair is slightly worn but the entire obverse appears to be flatly-struck - tongue and spiked chin are very strong to naked eye - "LIBERTY" strong at bottom - very weak on tops of letters - denticles are almost non-existent on entire obverse but are faintly visible from 4 to 10 o'clock - date strong as are lowest curls - most interesting is a large very visible die bulge or buckle in right field also in this field are rippling defects from die or planchet.

Overall: The coin has no nicks, dings, dents, rim problems, or scratches and is a very pleasing brown color.

If you would like to see this coin please advise and I will send. As far as purchasing it I will not sell for cash but would consider a trade that

included any Die State of Gilbert-8  
 1804 in equivalent or higher grade  
 (note - coin must be free of all  
 nicks, dings, scratches or imperfections  
 in color i.e. like my present piece)  
 plus some little goodie that I do  
 not have which is clean of defects  
 on grades at least F12. I have  
 concentrated on the Large Cents but  
 buy nice half cents when available  
 so large cents would be equally  
 acceptable in trade although my  
 collections is far more extensive.

WILLIAM C. NOYES  
 RFD#1 ROCKY POINT  
 BUZZARDS BAY, MASS.  
 02532

617-759-4492

Sincerely,  
William C. Noyes

Dear Roger,

I was sorry we couldn't get together Tuesday but business is business. I enclose a copy of the letter about the 68 (1804) State 91. Feel free to write to him.

I would like your grade for the 1804 65 (no break you gave me when I was in Washington).

According to my information the 1804 69 die states rarities are as follows.

State 0 (no break)	tied for 2 <sup>nd</sup> most common
State 1 (Crack from state 1)	most common
State 2 (Cut one off & broke)	tied for 2 <sup>nd</sup> , most common
State 3 (big cut off - AMER 1)	very rare
State 4 (Almond break)	rarest

Is this accurate or is state 0 more rare than state 2.

I have written to J. Corscia and will submit an article or two for 7-15-74 PW.

Truly yours

Sam

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Katman

5/31/74

Dear Tom,

I'm sorry to delay so long but my bike has been  
in a lurch for the last 6 weeks & I'm returning  
the 1804 6-9 but keeping the 1805 6-1 double  
profile. I'll get in touch with you when  
things get back on the track so I can  
enjoy cows again

Sincerely  
Roger

Rec 8/23/73

Dear Roger

I have come across a problem with my 1804 Gilbert 8 half cents.  
My state 6 differs from my state 7 in the following ways:

- ① The break over the C of America extends down near the knot rope.
- ② The break over N of United extends over the I of United.

One of these two extensions must be the first one. Do you know which of the two extensions comes first? Gilbert doesn't list the extension over the I.

Also are the pictures in your book State 2, State 3, and State 8?

I wrote Mr Smith about the 1805 64 and the 1803 use 1. He indicated that he had sent them to you. Were they graded properly and were they worth the price. Did you keep the

two coins? I had him send me  
a F15 coin and it turned out  
to be a F15 (with 3 attempted  
punches).

Yours truly  
Tom

THOMAS S. KATMAN  
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WARMINSTER, PENNA.  
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5/23/73

Dear Tom,

My notes on 1804 Belknap Nos (Cairn #6)  
indicate that State 7 differs from State 6  
on 3 items

①



FURTHER EXTENSION  
OF RIM BREAK

②



FURTHER EXTENSION  
OF RIM BREAK

③



THIS CRACK IS NEW

I do not have any specimens that show only 1 or  
2 of these features. I doubt that all three occurred at  
once.

Yes. The States illustrated in the book are  
2, 3 + 8

Bill Smith's Cairns which formerly were  
Ray Chertons seem to have been sold very quickly.  
I was satisfied with the ones I got. Actually I was  
buying for another collector. Smith sent me a list  
about a week before the general mailing. Which  
variety was the F-15 with 3 alleged punches?

Sincerely

Tuesday 6.19.73

Dear Roger:

The coin Smith sent me was the 1804 Gilbert 8 state 6 in fine @ \$15<sup>00</sup>. It had three deep gauges.

I recently picked up a 1804 Gilbert 11 in a late die state. I enclose it for your inspection. I also enclose the 1804 Gilbert 9 I purchased from W.K. Raymond. The 11 is Fine (I think) and the 9 is VG (I think). I would like your opinion.

I do not see the complete die break across the wreath below the O of ~~OF~~ OF as my other Gilbert 11 has. What is the condition census on the Gilbert 11. I

I will not be near Washington this year. Dad doesn't want to go and the only reason I went was to give him company.

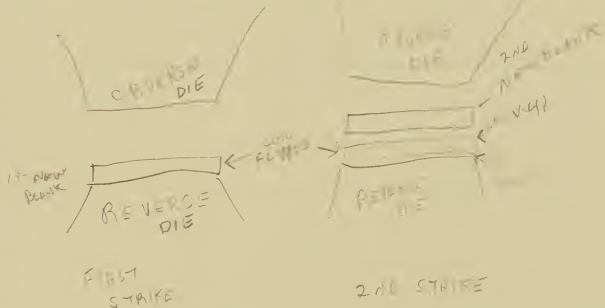
Do you know of any 1805 Gilbert 4's that are for sale at the present time? I am ~~now~~ now looking for one!

Yours  
Tom

THOMAS S. KATMAN

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WARMINSTER, PENNA. 18974

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.





PHASE 2 CORIS

120 2ND LID 1000-1500 N. 100° E. 1000-1500  
 2ND LID 1000-1500 Rev. LID 1000-1500

2ND 1000-1500 - is Regular 1000-1500 1000-1500  
 1000-1500 - is Regular 1000-1500 1000-1500

KATARS 1000-1500

7/17/73

Dear Tom,

Welcome to the EAC. I saw your name among the new members in the 7/15/73 issue. There sure was a lot on Half Cents in this issue.

I'm returning your coin. Try as I may, I just don't seem to be able to sneak off work for a day and visit you in Philadelphia. I'm going to try in August in the meantime I feel rather guilty keeping you coin.

.. I graded the 1804 CMM#5 (C-11) as a F-12. It is way far away from the Conditon Census. At the present time I know of 8 coins from EF-40 to MS-60. I also am of the opinion that the rarity should be 4. I have handled 25 <sup>different</sup> specimens in the last 4 years. Your specimen is a rather early one in that the bulge on the obverse has not fully developed. Nor has the reverse cross become fully connected.

The 1804 CMM#7 (C-9) is a very interesting freak strike. I feel that it is the result of some playing around at the mint. The reverse particularly seems to be struck over brackage. It's a very interesting example of a mistake. Grade wise I would call it V.6/10 but the strikes score (deliberate or otherwise) makes it hard to grade. I doubt that W.K. Boymond had any idea what he had.



I haven't done much lately. Last weekend I picked  
up an 1804 CMM #6 (68) State 5 in Fine. I am of course  
negotiating on the finest known 1808 CMM #1. There is a  
too long story about this coin. It's genuine but it's  
too long and painful for me to write it all out.

Thanks for letting me see the coin

Sincerely  
Roger

Dear Roger

Enclosed find 2 cards 1804 68 state 3  
1794 68 ~~18~~

Please grade and tell me about 1794.  
If it worth \$200.<sup>00</sup>

Yours truly

Thomas Katman  
907 Phillips Road  
Warminster, Penna

P. S. Get these back to me as quickly  
as possible 18974.

















Dear Roger

Enclosed find the letter I plan to  
send to F.A.C. Please let me know your  
comments on it

Yours  
Tom

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907 PHILLIPS ROAD  
WARMINSTER, PA  
18974

P.S. Must submit by 8-31-73





Rec 10/5/73

Dear Roger

I received your article and find it ~~the~~ interesting. I called you but you were asleep. Give me a call some evening between 8-11. My comments are primarily English. I acted as an editor only. Should I not get a phone call I'll drop you a line with my comments.

I feel you should explain whether the grading is Brown & Dunn or Sheldon. This is rather important I feel. If you use Sheldon you could list numerical ranges for the grades. This would allow for the differences of opinion.

~~I am not sure etc.~~

I do not know whether I will be at MWA. If I go it will be only for Saturday or Sunday!

Yours  
Tom Keturian

TOM SHULTS  
WPA  
ARTICLE FOR  
THE NEW YORK  
TIMES  
MAY 1973

240  
1796

10/7/73

907 Phillips Rd.  
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215-675-5685

Dear Tom

Enclosed is a revised copy of my  
article. I plan to call you on  
Thursday Night. 10/11.

I much appreciate your comment on the  
Sheldon Scale - ~~the~~ US Durr + Brown. I  
you will value I have changed. As you  
know I don't use D+B Nor do I use  
that even further lowering known as  
'photograde'.

In the future when you want to call  
me call on 301-652-6316. This is  
an unlisted Number which rings in my office  
or home. The Number 301-229-6891 is my  
listed Home Number and this told my family that  
if anyone calls and I'm asleep not to wake me  
it's usually a client with a problem that  
could wait till the next day. He also told  
them to wake me when 652-6316 rings. For  
Coins I don't need being awakened.

Will call you Thursday

Enclosed

PS on House of Stuart  
1794 6-8

Bogen

Dear Roger

I would find the 1993 half cent stamp I  
purchased for \$3.50. Keep it until we can talk on  
Tuesday!

Yours truly,

Thomas J. Petros

907 Phillips Road

Warminster, Pennsylvania

1894

Put the <sup>off</sup> back the corner of the envelope with  
the stamp on it (inside paper) and between the  
flaps under one of your favorite  
stamps.

Rec 10/10/10

Per phone conversation

10/11 - 21 Purchase for

Hin for 350 +

1804 CMM #8 With Break

350 + One of each

1804 G-7 - with Break at Port 4

1804 G-5 With one Break

1804 G-6 Use 1

1790

1802

1801

1803



Dear Roger,

Your coin and check arrived in good shape and the coin was nicer than expected. I graded it in the 10-12 range. What is it - Are you going to MANA. I am EAC group is getting together. I might get away on Saturday and come up. I plan to send my final \$200<sup>00</sup> payment to The House of Stuart and then should receive the GB (94). Will let you know when I get it.

The news is of now

Yours truly

Thomas S. Katzman  
907 Phillips Road  
Warminster, Penna 18974

P.S. Rather than a picture of the half cent reverse - Do you have ~~also~~ a bag of enlarging the <sup>copy</sup> drawings of Brown & Dunn.

P.P.S. Just saw New Netherlands Catalog of sale of large cents - It is a big sale. Are you going?

Dear Roger,

I just picked up this 1793 large cent. I would like to know if you can use it! Also —

1. Can the crust on the surface be removed?
2. What would you grade the coin?

Do not send the Coin back to me unless you definitely do not want it. We can probably get together.

Are you planning to go to MANA next weekend. If you are — let me know. I hope to go up. Has your article been submitted to Penny Wise yet?

Yours truly  
Thomas S. Katman  
THOMAS S. KATMAN  
907. PHILLIPS ROAD  
WARMINSTER, PENNSYLVANIA  
18974

Dear Roger,

If your friend won't go \$85<sup>00</sup>  
try and get like \$80<sup>00</sup> because that  
way ~~we can~~ <sup>I can</sup> tell my friend I got  
rid of his coin. Let me know approximate  
date of check so I can let my friend  
know!

I just heard that a large collection  
of half cents is coming on the market—  
I think it was called the Ryder collection.  
Supposedly it contains upwards of  
100 1802's. (all good or better).  
What do you know of this? Is this the  
hoard of 1802's you mentioned to me?  
I understand there are several littler  
dgc 1797's included. I am getting one  
sent to me on approval. (Maybe) We'll  
have to wait and see,

Yours  
Tom Katman

11/1/83

Dear Tom,

21 Just talked to Bill Schmitt (my brother  
who owns the 1793 house (and you said) He says  
he definitely wants it and will pay me. So I'm  
enclosing my check

It was good to hear from you and all.  
Keep on truck

Sincerely  
Ray

215-675-5685

Dear Roger

Enclosed find a coin that was sent  
to me on consignment @ \$360.<sup>00</sup>  
Is it real? Also, do you think the  
price is O.K. or too much.

Yours truly  
Thomas S. Katman  
THOMAS S. KATMAN  
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12/1/73

Dear Tom

Enclosed is the 1797 letter edge, as I  
said on the phone.....

also the Pressing of the 1804 6-8 with its  
large break over O of OF. I understand but  
have never seen a Cud over the O. Please  
return these Pressings to me.

Sincerely

Regen

Rec'd 12/11/73  
Dear Roger

Enclosed find the two pressings  
you sent me along with my Gilbert &  
late die state pressing. It appears to  
be similar to the one you sent me. If you  
want to see the coin let me know.

Thank you

Thomas S. Katman  
THOMAS S. KATMAN  
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WARMINSTER, PENNA.  
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12/30/73

①  
IS COIN  
ANDERSON  
DUPONT  
SPECIMEN?

Robert F. Butchelder.  
1 West Butler Ave.  
Amherst, Mass 01902

②  
WHO  
ORDERED?

UNCAR

Dear Mr. Butchelder,  
As a follow up to Tom Kalmus' call I would  
like to order the 1802 Reverse of 1800 C-2  
Halfcent which appeared in "Coin World" for  
January 2, 1974.

As you probably know Halfcents by variety are  
my main interest. There may be some others  
which you mean in the ad which I may want.  
Are any of the 1793-1800 ones identified as to  
Variety? Will you please call me (collect)  
on 301-657-2240 so I may discuss some  
of the items with you.

Sincerely

Roger S. Cohen, Jr.

I am not enclosing a check as I understand ~~this~~  
the 1802 is going out to someone else first.



Rec  
1/1/74

Roger S. Cohen Jr.  
4720 Montgomery Lane  
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Dear Roger,

I picked up the two coins that I told you about. They are on memo to me. What do you think they are worth?

The first coin is the 1794 G2 Johnson piece. I still think it might make a 20 but if you think it is a 15 I'll still keep it at that on my list of G2's

The second coin is the 1795 G7. What do you grade it. It looks a lot like your plate coin although yours might be a bit better.

Do not send them back to me. I'll give you a call on Monday or Tuesday.

Tom Glatman  
907 PHILLIPS ROAD  
WARMINSTER, PENNA.  
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Rec 1/10/74

Dear Roger

Enclosed find an article I plan to submit to P.W. Let me know if there are any errors in the text or pictures.

I have a nice black copy of the pictures to submit.

Yours

Tom

Dear Roger -

Enclosed find a coin that was sent to me by Dan Howles of EAC. He says it is worth about \$10.00 and wants a draped bust of equal value for it. Take a look at it and the rubbing of my die state 3. Is his an earlier state than mine? If it is let me know. If it is the ~~same~~ same let me know! If it is the same and you want it send another <sup>coin of</sup> equal value to me for him. If you don't have a coin to send you can send a check to me. (Make it out to him) - ~~to face~~

So far no one has written me about the EAC meeting. I guess they have other people to do it.

That's it for now

Tom Katman

1974

Dear Roger

① Enclosed find 1804 G9 - Please send me one that is equal or better in trade for this one

② Enclosed find the double struck 1805 that interested you. Place a value on it.

③ I would like to receive from you the following coins if you have them

1804 G6 first use 168 or better

1808 over 7 with the obverse break 64 or better

1804 G5 without the obverse break F12 or better

Place a value on them if you have them )

If I owe you money I'll send you. If you owe me money you send to me

④ Enclosed find the 1797 G4 without the breaks what you want in front of the chin and neck - for your inspection. I'll make it is.

Yours truly

Thomas S. Katman

THOMAS S. KATMAN

907 PHILLIPS ROAD

WARMINSTER, PENNA.

18974

I expect to be in Washington

Sunday April 21 until Wednesday (noon) April 24

Dec 7/18/74

Dear Roger

1. Enclosed find a picture of the 1804 Gilbert 9 die states. Please make any changes you know of. Are there any intermediate states?

2. Enclosed find a Gilbert 3 of 1805. Do you think it will grade GOOD 4 or what?? Note half cent on reverse.

3. Note the pressing of the 1806 obv. It has the stems on the reverse. Which one is it to the best of your knowledge. Can you tell from the poor picture.

Yours truly  
Thomas S. Katman  
THOMAS S. KATMAN  
907 PHILLIPS ROAD  
WARMINSTER, PENNA 18974.

P.S. I'm still interested in the 1808/7 (If you have it - and you want to sell it) with the obv die break  
P.P.S. I may attribute some half cents to a local coin dealer before  
(OVER)

She goes to ANA

7/18/74

Dear Tom,

Enclosed are my observations on 6-8 of 1804. I've never seen your state 4.

The 1805 showed grade as a 3. The sharpness is that of a 5 or 6 but the corrosion reduces it. Just how much is a matter of opinion.

I can't tell much from the rubbing of the 1806 6-2. I would like to see the Coin at some time.

I hope this is fast enough for you and keep the goodies coming.

Sincerely  
Raylen

1/2/75  
Dear Roger,

Enclosed find the picture you sent me. Thank you!

② I plan to go to New York City for EAC convention on February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to come up here the 14<sup>th</sup> (and then go up) let me know.

③ I have seen the following 1794 Gilbert 4 obverses. On early die state without the bulge to the left of the L of Liberty.

④ ~~A late die state~~ A very late die state showing all the breaks with the break from Y of Liberty down to the top completely relieving the throat of the die and Liberty is completely strong and strong. There is no weakness. The break through B of Liberty appears as a beautiful line crack. (Like reverse of G11 of 1804).

Yours truly,

Thomas Katman

907 Phillips Road  
Warminster, Penna

18974

OVER



A local collector has a beautiful  
1800 struck once a large cent,  
You can make out the wreath, ~~the~~ and  
a couple of letters of ones cent. It  
is about a 45 coin

August 2-9-75

Dear Roger

It was good speaking to you yesterday and I hope to get together next Saturday. I enclose my visit list. If you have any of these that you want to get rid of let me know. If anyone sends you something you don't want let me know.

Want list

1792 G2, G3 (in break only) G4 with no black marks (very)

G6, G7

1795 G7 G5 disk

1797 G3

1803 G1, G4

1804 G8 (state 1 and state 2)

1805 G4

18084 (with obscure break only)

1811 (needs 2 state break only)

Any of these would be greatly appreciated. I would appreciate your bringing any of these to me for on 2-15-75 including the G3 if you don't want it.

Yours Truly,  
Thomas S. Kistner

ROGER S. COHEN, JR.  
4720 MONTGOMERY LANE  
BETHESDA, MD. 20014

7/16/75

Dear Tom,

Your article on P169 of the 7/15/75 P-W was Nothing New to Me and this writing as I feel that certain things need to be written.

First: Nowhere in the article ~~do~~ you give any indication as to your source of information. Perhaps it was edited out, but I believe that you should take the trouble to at least thank those persons who helped you assemble the information. <sup>2NDLY</sup> I know it was not the only one who helped you, but I think a little humility in your writing is necessary.

3rdly I hate you are the only person who wrote on Half-Cents in this issue who is dogmatically insistent on Gilbert Numbers. Perhaps you missed Chuck Funks letter in the <sup>March 15, 1975</sup> ~~January~~ ~~and March~~ issue of P-W. His Point 2 may be of interest to you

Sincerely  
Roger

Dear Roger -

I got your letter of 7/16/75 and was red faced after I ~~first~~ read it. I will reply to your comments in order.

1<sup>st</sup> You are correct.

2<sup>nd</sup> I agree if you replace the word Humility with Courtesy! Within the confines of EAC I am quite aware that I'm not top dog in half cents. In fact if you really look at the half cent buffs I probably won't ~~be~~ make C.C.

3<sup>rd</sup> I have read the 3/15/75 letter you mentioned (1 minute ago). I still use Gilbert numbers because he listed them all (with the exception of 3 or 4) and I have the Gilbert numbers down pat. I should list C numbers at the top like Milt does whenever I write something. However I don't think that the half cent fraternity have put away the

Gilbert numbers yet  $\frac{1}{2}$  as the large  
Cent people have forgotten Nays etc  
There ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> just has just not been  
enough time. I will try to  
remember to include both in the future.

Now that that is out of the way.

I was quite impressed by the number  
of half cent people (Primarily or  
only half cents) who showed up in  
the last copy of Penny Wise.

I personally feel that a section  
on half cents within EAC would be  
fine but feel there are not enough  
people to warrant a separate club  
or publication. I would hate to be  
pigeon out of Penny Wise. The cost  
of publication of a halfcent journal  
could well be too high.

Once again I'm sorry for the  
lack on my part - Tom

THOMAS S. KATMAN  
907 PHILLIPS RD.

WARMINSTER, PA 18974

IGNORE  
THIS  
CHEAPSKATE

11/15

Dear Roger -

① Enclosed find a clipping from "Coin World" for your information.

② You may receive an empty package from Robert Batchelder of Ambler. If you get it - just throw it away.

③ I have decided to become unpure - I'm going to try and get some proof only half cents. If you know anyone who has some you can give him my name.

④ Lately I have not been able to pick up much new in the way of half cents. While my collection is small compared to most it is complete enough that the local dealers and local shows don't help too much.

⑤ Recently I have picked up some nice Colonials. I may keep them ~~or~~ and start. However the problem with that is that someone comes up with a half cent and off they go. The FCI - EAC sale is really great for picking out varieties.

⑥ It seems a couple 1795 ~~and~~ ~~and~~ C3  
have been found recently found.

⑦ Do you know how many letters  
age 1797 half cents Robert Shaw has? Is  
he sitting on a pile of these?

Yours

Tom Katana

8/16/75

Robert F. Batchelder  
1 West Butler Ave.  
Ambler PA. 19002

Dear Mr. Batchelder.

I received the enclosed Certified  
Package from you and Note the following:

1 The only thing in the Safe-T-Mailer  
was the piece of White Paper which is being  
retuned

2 The envelope had not been opened in  
the Postal Service

3 I haven't ordered any coins from you  
for over 18 months.

Will you drop me a Note as to what  
has happened?

Very Truly Yours  
Roger S. Cohen, Jr.

This was a December  
shipment to avoid Sales Tax.  
You were to be notified by  
Tom Katman of Warminster of the  
shipment. (\* He make a purchase)

Thank you  
Allen C. Feiler



ROGER S. COHEN, JR., P. A.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

4720 MONTGOMERY LANE

BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20014

PHONE 410-224-975

Robert F. Batchelder  
1 West Butler Avenue  
Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

This is to inform you of my objection to being used as an accessory by your firm and Mr. Katman in his efforts to defeat the Pennsylvania sales tax.

How you choose to handle your transactions is normally none of my concern; however I insist that in the future you do not make them my concern.

Thanking you for past coins which I have purchased, and I hope to hear of any other interesting Half-Cents you may acquire, I am

Very truly yours,

Roger S. Cohen, Jr.

cc: T. Katman

RSC/xh

**ROBERT F. BATCHELDER**

1 west butler avenue, ambler, pennsylvania 19002

(215) 643-1430

*Rare Coins  
Autographs*

August 25, 1975

Roger S. Cohen, Jr. P.A.  
4720 Montgomery Lane  
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Dear Mr. Cohen:

The package from Mr. Katman was sent to you at his request. He advised us that you were in agreement to having packages sent.

I am sorry that what he told us was apparently not so.

Very best regards,

*R. F. Batchelder*  
Robert F. Batchelder

RFB/eck



THE BATCHELDER BUILDING — OUR SUBURBAN PHILADELPHIA OFFICES  
HOME OF ONE OF AMERICA'S LEADING COIN BUYERS AND SELLERS

8/75

Dear Roger

Your recent letter to Robert Batchelder was here when I arrived back from vacation.

① The use of your name was solely my fault and not his! I thought I had spoken to you about this some time ago but obviously I didn't. I apologize for using your name and am sincerely sorry! I should not have done it without your explicit permission and can only plead guilty to a lack of good taste.

Don't hold any of this particular incident against Mr. Batchelder as it was my fault.

② From the sterile manner in which you notified me of your displeasure in this ~~matter~~ matter and the tone of your previous letter it is obvious that you are quite mad at me for this and other actions! While I <sup>do not</sup> feel ~~any~~ ill feelings towards you at all (for any reason) it is apparent that you find me a Leper. Since the information flow was quite lopsided (you to me) I will not

intrude upon your privacy and bother  
you. I am truly sorry you feel this  
way towards me but I will not  
force myself upon you in the future.  
Should my assumptions be incorrect  
please let me know! ~~not hearing~~  
~~from you will~~ If you choose not  
to write at all I will understand.

Your friend  
Thos. S. Katman  
THOMAS S. KATMAN  
907 PHILLIPS ROAD  
WARMINSTER, PENNA.  
18974

3 Leroy Drive  
Cinnaminson, N.J. 08077  
December 20, 1986

Roger S. Cohen, Jr.  
4720 Montgomery Lane  
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Dear Roger:

I plan to submit the following letter  
to the editor of Penny Wise in the  
near future. Since your name is used  
in the body of the letter I am enclosing  
this copy for your approval or comment.  
The article (letter) is not paragraphed as  
of yet but will be done prior to submission.  
I enclose a stamped self addressed  
envelope for your convenience.

Yours truly,

Thomas S. Katman  
THOMAS S KATMAN

WILLIAM PENN CHARTER SCHOOL

3000 W. SCHOOL HOUSE LANE

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19144

Dear people  
Have just read Ronald J. Gutber  
article on 11/11/76 PW, and what I'm writing  
must be altered to reflect this. My first  
will be the same but there will be some  
changes in the body of the article

Thomas J. Latimer

It has been three years and many issues of Penny Waxes since Roger S. Cohen <sup>sr.</sup> wrote his rarity rating and condition census article on half cents. By now most of the information has been absorbed by the half cent community. However, I am reasonably sure that there is information about condition census coins that is not being made available to the collecting group. One of the reasons I hear is that people grade differently. A coin that one person carries as a 15 Roger S. Cohen Jr. carries as a 20 or vice versa. Thus some people can't be sure where a coin fits in or even if it does fit in. Also in some cases a "new" coin may be a duplicate of one already listed. One way to partially solve this problem would be to place the name (or names) of a previous owner of the coin along with its listing in the Condition Census (much like that of the large cent museum done by Denis H. Loring).<sup>2</sup> Then if someone knows of a possible unlisted condition census coin he would have a better idea as to whether the coin was already included in the list. Also by knowing what coins were included in the list a coin could be placed (relatively if not absolutely) in the census.

~~if~~ even if the grading is not identical. The present homes of condition census pieces need not be published although I'm sure this could be done in some cases with the present owners permission. Another piece of information which which would be good to know is where a particular coin is placed in an auction sale. This would be a good piece of information since some people are accumulating auction catalogs. This would also aid in placing coins in their proper order. I personally think that this might be a piece of information that could be useful to the large cent collectors if this was done in the large cent revisions.

Foot notes

1. Roger S. Cohen Jr., "More Half Cent Information," Penny Whistle, 7, 15 November, 1973, 226-231.
2. Denis H. Loring, "The Early Cent Revision - Part 2," Penny Whistle, 7, 15 May 1973, 90-92.



12/23/76

Thomas S. Holman  
3 Saxony Dr  
Clemmerton NY 08077

Dear Tom,

You don't need my "approval" to send anything to P.W. for publication unless you are quoting from "American Half Cents."

One of the things I have tried to encourage is the writing of articles so that the body of knowledge of Half Cents will be increased. I am not a censor nor should my "approval" be solicited.

I will make comments which should be free to do what ever a person wants to do with it.

Now to your article. I would suggest that you read CAREFULLY my writing on CONDITION on page III of my book AMERICAN HALF CENTS. I also suggest you read CAREFULLY the introduction to my article in P.W. where I gave the condition censors as I knew it as of September 1973. Next I would suggest that you go over what Milt Pfeffer has written in P.W. Other than these suggestions I have nothing forth to comment on.

Sincerely  
Roger

Rec. AANS

1/23/78

Dear Roger,

While we were at the home show  
you indicated that you sometimes have  
duplicates of some half cents and you  
have any of these I would like to know  
what you have and how much you want  
for them

1794 C2

1794 C3 (no blank)

1794 C5

1794 C6

1803 C4

1804 C4 FIRST COB BRICK (aspirant) (no 1/2)

1805 C5

I have picked up ——— (nothing in lot)

Yours

J. Thomas S. Kistner

THOMAS S. KISTNER

555 N. 1st St.

Grand Rapids, MI

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1/23/78

7/78

Dear Roger

It was a pleasure talking to you.  
I learned quite a bit.

I am looking for the following  
coin and die states if you have any  
duplicates you want to get rid of.

1794 G2, G3 (NO BREAK), G6  
1803 G4 break only I picked up unbroken one.  
1804 G9 NOBREAK  
1804 G9 and break as pictured in your book.  
1808 over 7 TY and break.

Yours truly

Thomas S. Katman

THOMAS S. KATMAN  
3 SAXONY DRIVE  
CINNAMINSON, N.J. 08077

P.S. If you decide to come to the  
Garden State Show 8-3 to 8-6  
and want a place to stay let me  
know. I'm 15 minutes from the  
hotel.

Dear Roger

While at the Wilmington Con. Show you indicated that you might be able to send the set of slides used for my use I would like to know if it will be possible to borrow them for the February meeting. The meeting is the 26<sup>th</sup> of February.

I expect to be taking a group of students to Washington on February 20<sup>th</sup>. I might be able to get to the Suburban Washington show that day. Are you planning to attend?

Yours truly  
Thomas S. Katman

THOMAS S. KATMAN

3 SAXONY DRIVE

CINNAMINSON, N.J. 08077

FROM:

ROGER S. COHEN, JR., P. A.  
Certified Public Accountants  
4733 BETHESDA AVENUE  
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Phone: (301) 657-2240

TO: Tom KATZMAN

MESSAGE

SUBJECT

DATE

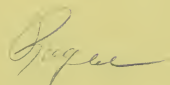
2/15/79

FOLD

Enclosed are the Slides

Please Return

Done



SIGNED

1/17/87

Dear Tom:

I never finished my project  
in regard to the Red Book. Ken Brusselt  
left Whitman and went with Karin.

What to do ~~is~~ with the Redbook is complex  
anything that is suggested risks a very good  
chance of being edited to such an extent that  
it loses its meaning. There are also space  
limitations and you have to keep in mind its  
not for the specialist. I have felt that the red book  
is designed to "hook" a person on coin collecting.

As far as American Half Cents Concern. I  
have 250 copies left. This should be enough  
for 2 years 1981 + 82 - But this got to get  
done with my pencil to put down what is  
my record book and head. We started off alone  
but like other prospective authors haven't finished.  
I'm blaming a number of changes.

I assume you saw the Study Catalogue  
of Postcards Half Cents. I wonder if he'll buy them  
back as he has done in the past.

Sincerely,  
Rayne

12/30/80

Dear Roger -

The second batch at closed 12/19/80 for Christmas. Since 2/20/80 I have been in and out the shop I'm getting a lot of letters written.

The latest package of books arrived in good shape. I have been selling them to the local dealers. Some of them (small guys) even know of its existence. They are each buying one for their personal collection. What how long will the present supply of books last. If I remember correctly you said about 2 years ago that the books should last 2-4 years. On how numbers still good.

Some time ago you wrote a form letter to some of your half cent collector friends about the red book (form letter). Did they ever give you an indication as to when they plan to make use of your ~~new~~ input.

Yours

Tom

Tom

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CINCINNATI, NJ 08077

PATMAN

P.R.E.

10/23/81

Thomas S. Hatman

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Cinnamensen NJ 08077

CC Section  
#1795

Variety  
1795

Dear Tom,

Enclosed are some pages from my manuscript for the 2nd edition which should be released at the end of December. These are a lot of changes. Such as New photos, Variety changes, Completely new sections such as a History of Half Cent Collection etc.,.

My Cousin in writing to you has to do with the Conclusion census on 1795 G-8 (#2b). One list of CC coins I received stated that you had a specimen of this coin in VF-20 which had been acquired from the House of Stuart. The list was from Del Blum who wrote he had seen the coin. I do recall that you acquired a 1794 G-8 (#5) <sup>in VF 20-25</sup> from the House of Stuart at <sup>in September 1973</sup> a coin show that you and I discussed the purchase.

Wouldn't be possible for you to clarify the matter? The enclosed material on the Variety is based on the following coins

|      |                                         |
|------|-----------------------------------------|
| UNC  | Edward - Helges & Golden - ?            |
| AUNC | Breen - ?                               |
| VF   | Eaton - Anderson Dupont - RSC           |
| F    | Nail - Braketon - Squaw - Endleson - TK |
| ✓    | W. Welles (Double strike)               |
| ✓    | Warfield - ?                            |
| ✓    | Warfield - ?                            |

I now have records of 14 specimens not including the one I am writing you about.

(over)

ANS  
P. J. Nelson  
10/20/81



KATMAN

1/13/82

Dear Tom,

What shall I talk about at the  
Meeting on 4/26? I'll give you a  
number of subjects.

① I can always give my talk on  
Half Cents with the slides which you used  
once

② I could talk on the process of turning out  
the 2nd Edition - I have kept all the papers  
and could make of into an exhibit. Also  
have Photos

③ I'll Brown, Best is out I could  
point out the differences from mine

I'll shut let me know what you  
think would be the best subject.

Sincerely

Rogers.

Rec  
12/30/82

3 Saxony Drive  
Cinnaminson NJ 08077  
1-609-786-8726

Dear Roger -

I'm looking at my half-cents I arrived at the following conclusions.

1. I have not added anything to my collection in three years! (My fault - maybe market's fault.)

2. I'm afraid to bring some of the coins out of the safety deposit box since they are now worth a lot of money. I had ~~they~~ them out of the box three times in the last year or so.

3. It is just no fun having some of the high value liberty caps any more -

4. I plan to get rid of some of them (just about any that are worth \$750<sup>00</sup> or more). I've sent out a couple of letters to people who need them. I realize you don't need or want any of these but feel some of the courtesy of a letter of intent. I'll let you know who gets what!

Yours truly,  
Tom Kataran

P.S. It looks like you are going to win your bet on Walter's book. I wished you hadn't since the book may have some info I am ignorant of.

KATMAN

4701 SANGHOMH RD

BETHESDA MD  
20816

1/1/83

Dear Tom,

Your thoughts on your Collection are of interest and I recognize them. However you are mistaken that I would not be interested in acquiring any of your coins.

Despite what you may think it always seems that I can use an upgrade or another die state, so could you send me a list of what you're unloading?

I too am sorry that I'm leaving my hat in regard to Walter's "Mason opus". Could it be that there is nothing in the way of info for them to add? I don't think so, but if you create obstacles such as Callins, Breen & Hanson have you can't help but be tripped by your own actions. There is a world of difference between saying "I thought to write a book" and actually having such an item available for sale. Walter has "threatened" since 1952 and even if he had had a book published do you think he would be accessible to persons interested in the subject? I'm sure you realize that I have been watching what has been going on in regard to Breen book particularly since Jack Callins announced in October 1981 that <sup>their</sup> ~~the~~ book was to be a "Side" issue. 'You were to be on their side or Rogers side' you couldn't help Rogers and them'. Breen Callins & Hanson have of course modified their position and the happenings over the last 15 months are a saga in themselves which I may commit to paper to be published upon my demise if anyone is interested.

Enough of this Please send me a list

Sincerely  
Rogers

Phone  
609-786-8726 Rec  
1/10/83

Dear Roger

1/5/83

I plan to keep 90%-95% of the coins but  
get rid of 75% of the value of the collection.  
Thus I am getting rid of some of the more expensive  
Liberty Caps. J.R.M. Egan wants the 2 ex Boston  
pieces <sup>300</sup>95026 & <sup>250</sup>9488. You may be able to get the  
94-8 as he may not be too interested in that one.  
Bob Yell wants the 94C1 & 94C5. I do not know  
if any other coins have any real value other than a  
couple of 97's that Gene Braig may want. I feel  
that there really isn't much else that is much  
good.

Sometime I would like to talk to you to  
find out about the last 15 months with respect  
to the Brewster Scott Rubin (I think it was him) said  
he saw tear sheets or proofs or something like that.

Yours truly  
Tom

OS-2  
09-1

See  
Pressing

NO

Roger I don't really have a list or know what I want  
to get rid of except that the big coins are the ones I want  
to get rid of. With the big ones gone I can ~~not~~  
play with them again!

1/15/83 Tucked in MCB He has  
Purchased both coins/